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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f), filed June 6, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) cannot be acted on due to the above-identified application already being abandoned for not timely responding to the non-final Office action mailed on December 4, 2002. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on March 5, 2003. Petitioner first needs to resolve that issue before the Office can act on the 1.137(f). Petitioner may wish to submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), which is enclosed for petitioner's convenience.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply,²
(2) the petition fee,

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, and a terminal disclaimer and fee if the application was filed on or before June 8, 1995 or if the application is a design application.

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In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

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